

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND 1333 ISAAC HULL AVENUE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20376-2101

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Ms. Rose Santos FOIA Group, Inc. P.O. Box 368 Depew, NY 14043

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2017-009381

Dear Ms. Santos:

This is a final response to your August 9, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek a copy information related to the Navy/Revision 1 to the Schedule of Foreseeable Costs for Determination of Interport Differentials as described in your request.

I considered your request under the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552), as amended, and the Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.42F. The requested investigation is still pending completion and is considered privileged and pre-decisional. Therefore, it is exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to subsection (b) (5) of the FOIA. This subsection protects pre-decisional deliberative information, the release of which would harm the government's decision-making process.

You may file another FOIA request once the investigation is complete.

I am the official responsible for the decision regarding your request. Should you decide to file an appeal, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should contain a copy of your original requests, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you think your appeal should be granted. Attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Mail the original to:

The Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel Attn: FOIA APPEALS 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532 Washington, DC 20350-1000. Please mail a copy of the appeal to:

Commander
Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5)
1333 Isaac Hull Ave SE
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021

As an alternative to filing an appeal, you may seek Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). You may submit your request for ADR either to DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil or you can call the Navy FOIA Service Center at 202-685-0214 or via the following address:

Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36)
Attn: FOIA/PA Service Center
C/O - Head, SECNAV/CNO FOIA/PA Program Office
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan at 202-781-3359.

Sincerely,

JAVIER MARTINEZ

Initial Denial Authority